# GIANT SPRINGS

Giant Springs State Park, including PPL

Montana conservation easements (Lewis & Clark Greenway), covers over 3,000 acres. The park includes the Lewis & Clark walkway which stretches between the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and the famous Giant Springs. The park also includes Black Eagle Memorial Island which has a short trail and is accessible from the town of Black Eagle.

By staying on the north side of the river you can enjoy the north shore trail system. Take Rainbow Dam Rd. to the trail that leads you near Morony Dam where you then take Sulphur Spring Trail leading to the same spring that healed Sacajawea.

### **Directions:**

To get to Sulphur Spring Trailhead take Hwy 87 NW about 4 miles until you see a brown directional sign on your right. Turn right onto Morony Dam Rd. and travel 11 miles to the parking lot.

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## **ULM PISHKUN**

Ulm Pishkun State Park includes one of the largest buffalo jumps in the world, a beautiful visitor's center with five buffalo on display, a gift shop stocked with Native American literature, Made in Montana items and other unique gifts. The 3 mile loop trail will take you past tipi rings and onto the top of the buffalo jump. From atop the jump you will see the same view many tribes and homesteaders witnessed. From mountain ranges to wildlife you will marvel at many of natures beauties. When hiking down the buffalo jump keep your eyes open for pictographs and petroglyphs. If you come across any artifacts please leave them where you found them and report the sighting to the park staff.

#### Directions:

To get to Ulm Pishkun State Park from Great Falls take I-15 south towards Helena. Travel 7 miles and take exit 270. Then take a right and follow the paved road 3.5 miles to the Ulm Pishkun entrance sign.

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# SLUICE BOXES

Sluice Boxes State Park is a primitive state park giving visitors a great hiking experience. This Montana gem encompasses Belt Creek, which winds through a limestone canyon and is filled with mining history, native plants, wildlife and great fishing. Backcountry camping is allowed with a permit from FWP.

The trail is 7.5 miles long and you will cross the creek on 11 occasions. This makes this trail more desirable during low water season. Normal hiking occurs from mid-July to early Fall.

#### Directions:

Head east on Hwy 89/87 traveling past the Belt, MT exit. Turn right at Armington Junction following Highway 89 heading south 8 miles towards Monarch, MT. You will see a state park sign, turn right onto Riceville Bridge Rd. and take the gravel road one half-mile to parking area. You can also park at the other end of the trail at Logging Creek Bridge off Forest Service Rd. #839.

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## TOWER ROCK

Tower Rock State Park gives the visitor the experience of hiking near the top of one of the most famous landmarks along the Missouri River. This landmark helped place direction for Native Americans that passed through on their way to hunt buffalo. The Lewis & Clark Expedition used this land mark along with Pine Rapid Island on maps and making their way back to St. Louis, MO. Captain Lewis climbed not to the "tower" part of this well-known attraction but towards the NE formation. The distance from the trailhead to the top of the saddle is approximately 1 mile.

Tower Rock was formed about 75 million years ago when volcanoes erupted magma that crystallized below the surface.

#### Directions:

Travel south on I-15 past Cascade, MT until you come to the state park signs then take exit 247 (Hardy Creek). Turn right and travel one half- mile to turn off and take a left to enter.

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Tower Rock State Park



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